

**Minutes of Nassington Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 14th November 2007**

1. 10 Minutes of Free Time:

- Mrs Y Banke indicated that at the recent Burial Board meeting Mr A Whittaker raised the parking of vehicles on the corner of the Watkins property. It was suggested that Mrs Terrie Watson of ENC could be approached, as head of the community safety team, as the point of contact best placed to oversee the issue from a health & safety point of view, as well as an environmental issue and a police matter.
- Mrs S Rodger read a letter from a Mrs Saunston who had raised the issue of parking on St Mary's Close., in particular emergency vehicle access

Resolved:

- i) Mrs Rodger to write to the Safer community team at ENC re 66 Church Street*
- ii) Mrs Rodger to write to Mrs Saunston explaining the Council's thoughts and asking whether her letter could be included in the newsletter.*

2. Apologies: Mr A Codman and Mr S Hewitt

3. Declaration of Interest on any item on the Agenda: Mrs S Rodger on the Churchyard Wall, planning and the pre-school item. Mrs J Norman on item 10.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10th October 2007: Mrs S Rodger expressed some concern on the content and undertook to amend the minutes and distribute them to councillors before the next meeting when they could be adopted. A general discussion ensued concerning the presentation of the minutes; Mrs Rodger expressed concerns that a person reading them who had not been present would not necessarily glean the facts of the meeting from the minutes. Mrs B Curtis cited the 'visitor from Mars' method as an example, whereby the premise was made that the reader knew nothing whatsoever of the background to an issue. Mr P Burgess asked whether the minutes could be sent out sooner following the meeting.

Resolved:

- i) Mrs Rodger to edit the minutes of the October meeting so that material facts were explained more concisely*
- ii) Minutes of meeting to be prepared as early as possible for distribution and amendment in plenty of time and while memories are a little more fresh*

5. Accounts for Payment

Anglian Water	1.60
Powergen Plc	171.79
Mr P Burgess re-imburement of expenses for the asset registration	34.95
Bill White grass cutting contract	490.00
ENC Parish elections	151.52

Resolved: *These accounts were approved for payment and proposed by Mrs Y Banke and seconded by Mrs J Norman*

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. **Churchyard Wall:** Mrs S Rodger had distributed the letter that she had sent to the PCC explaining in full detail why the Parish Council were not able to proceed with the repair of the wall, under the statute of the 1972 Local Government Act. She then went on to brief the PC on the current position, namely that the PCC was unable to write the letter passing over responsibility for the churchyard in accordance with the 1972 LGA as it had been advised not to be the Diocesan lawyers.

Resolved:

Mrs S Rodger would now write to Northants NCALC plainly setting out the issues and asking that the statement and papers be sent to National NALC for a legal opinion.

- B. **Land Registry:** Mr P Burgess indicated that he had received information from Mrs Y Banke on the allotments and pocket park sites and on that basis he would now proceed with the Land Registry to register them in the name of the Parish Council.

Action: P Burgess to prepare submission to Land Registry for Pocket Park, Allotments and Village Green.

- C. **Asset Register:** The Clerk indicated that he had written to the insurance Company on the valuations of the pavilion and the bus shelter. Awaiting response

- D. **Parish Plan:** Following the presentation made by ACRE at the October PC meeting, Two separate folders had been distributed to Parish Councillors for circulation, but only one had resurfaced. An article had been placed in the newsletter but there had been no local response.

Resolved: *The Parish Council would not proceed with an actual Parish Plan at the current time, but the spirit of the plan groundwork would be included in the questionnaire to be put out gauging views on the pavilion.*

- E. **Web Site:** A general discussion took place on the fact it was now on line. The monthly 'Nassington Newsletter' magazine is to be published on the website, but only the editorial content, not advertising. If any adverts are seen they should be reported to Mrs S Rodger. Mrs Rodger agreed to investigate the fact that emails seemed not to be reaching Mr P Burgess and at linking the website with other village and rural sites.

- F. **Youth Shelter:** Discussions took place on the vexed question of the repairs to the youth shelter. Mrs S Rodger undertook to contact the appropriate body in the ENC about the rats. It was generally felt that it is a desired meeting place for young people in the village and that the shelter should be repaired.

Resolved

- i) *Mrs Rodger to contact East Northants regarding a possible rat infestation*
- ii) *The Youth shelter should be repaired, Mrs Rodger to contact 'Richards' in Yarwell to continue discussions about repairing with wooden outer shell.*

7. **Allotments:** Mrs Y Banke indicated that a meeting had been held on 23rd October 2007 which was also an introduction to Stuart. As a result of these discussions Mrs Y Banke had written to two contractors to obtain prices for the hedge but was looking for another contractor to quote for the work.

8. **Setting of Budget Meeting 2008/09:**

Resolved.

The meeting to agreed the budget for 2008/09 would take place on 28th November 2007 at 7.30pm. – [later postponed to 5th November.]

9. **Sports Association/Playing Fields**

- A. **Pavilion:** Mrs S Rodger thanked those who had attended the meeting at the pavilion. There would be a further meeting on 19th November at 8.00pm when key stakeholders would be present to look at requirements the way forward. Funding for the project was fundamental. Much thought would have to be given to fund raising, the needs and aspirations of the community and this project will proceed with transparency and the full understanding of the village hall.

- B. **Preschool:** Mrs S Rodger had spoken to the promoters and asked them to put forward a business plan which they have undertaken to do.

Resolved: Mrs J Norman undertook to establish whether the site was on mains sewage.

- C. **Goal posts:** The young people who had requested the goal posts had unofficially been told their request for new posts had been agree to by the Parish Council and although some possible posts had been identified the young people had yet to make a decision

Resolved.

Mrs Rodger to write to Adam Coles to advise him of decision and outline the selection from which they have a choice of posts and nets.

- 10. Stamford Homes Development.** The hedge on the edge of the road has been completely removed. The perimeter hedge had been pruned and thinned and lopped to 300mm, allowing for regrowth in time. Almost all of the trees from the central part of the site have been removed, despite an understanding that most would stay. The matter of road safety was discussed.

Resolved.

Mrs Rodger to contact Mrs H Smith, as County Councillor, regarding having the 30mph signs moved further west so that they would be before the new estate and about the possibility of a road safety mirror at the end of Woodnewton Road at the junction with Church Street.

- 11. Planning:** Application EN/07/01941/FUL Garden room and study with conservatory link structure at the Old School House 22 Woodnewton Road Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QQ.

Resolved.

The Parish Council approved this application giving no objection and no comment. This was proposed by Mr B Farrow and seconded by Mr G Curtis.

- 12. Correspondence;** The Clerk advised the meeting that he had received a letter from Atkins advising us that a road closure would be introduced on the Bridge 3374 Elton to Nassington Road, Elton for a duration of 3/4 weeks from 19th November 2007.

- 13. Future Agenda Items:** None

- 14.** The meeting closed at 9.45pm